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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PAPER ON INDIAN ROLE IN INFCE
HANDED OVER TO FOREIGN SECRETARY MEHTA BY DEPUTY UNDER
SECRETARY NYE DURING THEIR LUNCHEON MEETING IN DEPARTMENT
OCTOBER 7.

2. BEGIN QUOTE:
THE US DELEGATION TO THE IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE HAD A
SERIES OF VERY USEFUL INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. SETHNA
CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION
AND OCTOBER 19-21 ORGANIZING CONFERENCE. IN PARTICULAR,
WE WELCOME THE DECISION OF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT TO PARTI-
CIPATE IN THIS EVALUATION. WE BELIEVE THAT ACTIVE INDIAN
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PARTICIPATION IS PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE, IN VIEW OF THE
MAJOR STATUS OF INDIA AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND OF
THE SIGNIFICANT INDIAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM.

WHILE THERE MAY NOT BE INFCE "RESULTS" IN THE SENSE OF
INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, AND WHILE IN ANY CASE NO COUNTRY
WOULD BE COMMITTED TO ACCEPTING FORMAL INFCE RESULTS, WE

BELIEVE THE EVALUATION WILL BE A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE CLOSER TO A CONSENSUS ON DESIRABLE TECHNICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL MEASURES TO ASSURE THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER AND REDUCE PROLIFERATION RISKS.

IN VIEW OF THE INDIAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY INVOLVING EVENTUAL THORIUM USE, WE WONDER WHETHER INDIA MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN A CO-LEAD ROLE IN AREA 8 OF THE EVALUATION: "OTHER CYCLES". AS CURRENTLY ENVISAGED, THE CO-LEAD COUNTRIES WOULD CONSTITUTE A TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC) TO CONSIDER INTERACTIONS BETWEEN THE STUDY AREAS AND AN INDIAN CO-LEAD WOULD INCLUDE IT IN THE TCC.

WE HOPE THAT CO-LEAD COUNTRIES WILL DEVOTE SOME EFFORT TO THAT ROLE. HOWEVER, WITH THE US AS A CO-LEAD IN AREA 8, AND WITH CANADA, AND POSSIBLY THE USSR AND/OR THE FRG AS SUBGROUP LEADERS, THE RESOURCES REQUIRED FOR AN INDIAN CO-LEAD ROLE, WE BELIEVE, WOULD BE MODEST. OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR INDIAN CO-LEADS ARE IN AREA 1: "RESOURCES", OR IN AREA 6: "SPENT FUEL STORAGE AND WASTE DISPOSAL".

IN ORDER TO MAKE MORE CONCRETE THE PLANS FOR SETTING UP THE WORKING GROUP ORGANIZATION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE REACTION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO THESE POSSIBILITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END QUOTE.
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